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Dr Aylett

Top men to get awards

"Soccer Action", in conjunction with sponsors, will run three big awards for Victorian State League players this year.

Nickleby's restaurant of Carlton will wine and dine our Player of the Week, announced in "Soccer Action" every Wednesday.

Rothmans will make a \$250 cash award to the Goalkeeper of the Year. Winner in 1977 was Hans van der Poel of Altona.

An announcement will be made soon about the prize to be offered to the best player in the State League. Best player voting for the first round appears on page 13.

Sportsmanship the casualty in VFL's

talk of 'combat'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Our columnist Rale Rasic wrote three weeks ago about the virtual apartheid attitude that has long existed between football codes in Australia.

Rasic, former national coach, urged everyone concerned to follow the lead set by the "Festival of Football", organised by Fitzroy VFL club and featuring an Australian Rules, a soccer and a Rugby League match on the same program.

He was saying quite simply that all football codes can live together in friendship.

"Soccer Action" finds it necessary to re-emphasise that concept following yet another outburst by the president of the VFL, Dr Allen Aylett.

After hearing that the State Government had rejected the VFL's request for the right to play Sunday matches, Aylett said one of the VFL's main concerns was to fight soccer.

He referred to soccer as "a foreign code". He said the VFL was the only body "combating" soccer. "What we are looking at is Australian football winning," he said in another part of his statement.

Sport is about sportsmanship, which is not reflected in Aylett's statements.

Sport is about enjoyment, about health and fitness. Does it matter which particular type of sport one plays?

Why should one sport deliberately "fight" another?

Once we stoop to a level so low, we should erase the word "sport" from our vocabulary.

Soccer tries hard to improve itself as a sport, but it has done so without adopting a confrontational attitude against Australian Rules and Rugby League.

And it does so despite a marked media bias against soccer.

If the VFL is so impressed by the advance of soccer and doubts its own ability to "combat" it, why doesn't the VFL adopt some of soccer's ideas?

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Bashed referee David Yolland makes notes for his next game this weekend. Yolland, nursing a fractured jaw, said he wanted to forget the bashing and get on with refereeing as soon as possible. Full story page 5.

TWO STATES REJECT NSW YOUTH POLICY



Joe Vlasits



Duncan McKay



Edmund Kreft



John Warren

State coaches Duncan McKay of Victoria and Edmund Kreft of South Australia disagree strongly with NSW's move to ban players older than 26 from its State squad.

NSW made the ruling last week, in an effort to help Australia build a new national squad for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

The ruling meant State coach Joe Vlasits had to leave Jimmy Rooney, Peter Wilson, Atti Abonyi, Doug Utjesenovic, Dave Harding and other Soccerroos out of the NSW team to play against Derby County in Sydney on May 14.

Derby will play against Victoria in Melbourne on May 21 and against South Australia in Adelaide on May 24.

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Stars and Hajduk Split are also likely.

Vlasits' 20-man squad includes 10 Philips League players — two from each of the five NSW PSL teams.

The squad is: Goalkeepers: Malcolm Haynes (Sutherland), Gary Meier (Olympic). Defenders: Bob McPherson (Melita Eagles), Kevin Mullen (Hakoah), Paul Degney (Marconi), Rod Skellern (Western Suburbs), Brendan Grosse (St. George), Greg Allan (Sydney Olympic), Gerry Crawford (Inter-Monaro).

Midfielders: Peter Stone (Western Suburbs), Murray Barnes (Hakoah), Ian Stone (Croatia), Jim Zeros (Marrickville Olympic), Kevin Coleman (Croatia).

Forwards: Terry Butler (APIA), Mark Jankovic (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (St. George), Craig Hall (Sutherland), Sebastian Gianpaolo (Inter Monaro), Walter Valeri (Inter Monaro).

SA coach Edmund Kreft, also coach of Adelaide Juventus, said last week: "State games put on for spectators who pay good money should not be used to field untried players."

"You can afford to experiment against the weaker soccer countries, particularly if you had an under 23 squad in full training."

"If you don't field your best players in full State games, the team gets slaughtered and the public is robbed."

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Games

Weekend Philips League Matches:

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle v Olympic at International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Marconi v Western Suburbs, Marconi Oval, Sunday 3 pm.
Hakoah v Adelaide Juventus at Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm

IN MELBOURNE
South Melbourne Hellas v Brisbane City, Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA
Canberra v Fitzroy Alexander, Bruce Stadium, Saturday 2.30 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide Hellas v Footscray JUST, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v St George, Perry Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm.

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	2	1	0	8	3	2	1	0	5	0	13:3
St. Melb. Hellas	1	2	0	5	2	2	1	0	5	1	10:3
West Suburbs	1	3	0	6	4	2	0	0	4	3	10:4
Hakoah-East	0	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	10	3	11:6
Syd Olympic	1	0	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	6:4
Canberra	0	3	0	5	5	1	1	1	5	5	10:10
W. Adol Hellas	1	0	2	4	5	1	2	0	3	2	7:7
Brisbane Lions	0	2	1	3	6	1	1	1	5	6	8:12
St. George	1	0	2	4	6	1	0	2	4	4	8:10
Adel Juventus	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	1	4	5	5:7
Brisbane City	2	0	1	5	4	0	0	3	3	7	8:11
Newcastle	0	0	2	1	5	1	2	1	6	6	7:13
Footscray JUST	0	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	3	2:8
Fitz Alexander	1	1	2	3	6	0	1	1	1	5	4:11

Philips League team of week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of week
MEIER (2)
(Syd Olym)

SKELLERN (1) (West)	HENDERSON (2) (Can)	WILSON (2) (West)	LUJIC (1) (J.U.S.T.)
GNANI (1) (St. Geo)	MCGACHEY (1) (W.A.H.)	CANT (1) (Can)	
BODEN (4) (Newc)	OLLERTON (2) (S.M.H.)	O'CONNOR (1) (St. G.)	

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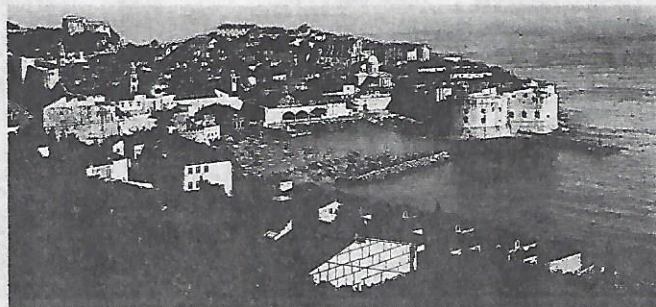
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FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Ollerton 2), at Olympic Park, crowd 8250.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
HELLAS: Hansen 8, Pye 6, Kalafetidis 6, Baxter 7, Haggemanouli 8, Lutton 7, Wright 7, Rogers 7, McGuinness 6 (Cummings 6 half time), Ollerton 8, Kent 8.
J.U.S.T.: O'Hara 6, Hazabent 7, Kiriara 7, Kondarios 7, Lujic 8, Rujovic (Martin 70th), Ilioski 7, Piclano 7, Nicolaides 6 (Ristic 70th); Pelinkas 6, Vasic 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (D. Allen) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0. At Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 5,895.

Player ratings by Meno Toutalidis.
OLYMPIC: Meier 9, Palmer 7, Cross 7, G. Allen 7, McIntosh 7, Markland 7, Laing 7, Wilson 7, Senkalski 7, D. Allen 8 (Luckett), Anselie 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, B. Nyskohus 7, Yung 7, Matic 8, Lister 6, Rigby 7, Melia 6, Parin 6, Marocchi 7 (Marwo), Northcote 7, J. Nyskohus 6.

HAKOAH 0 v MARCONI 0 at Wentworth Park. Crowd 3598.

Player ratings by John Taylor:
MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 5, Russell 7, Prekalo 5 (sent off), Degney 8, Vieri 6, Rooney 6, Byrne 5, (sub Richards 6), Jankovic 6, Mariani 5, Sharpe 5.
HAKOAH: Clarke 6, Mullen 6, Thomson 5, (sent off), O'Connor 6, Mowbray 5, Stevenson 6, Watson 5, Bob Smith 6, Campbell 7, Kershaw 6, Silva 7.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Carruthers) at Middle Park, crowd 3500.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
ALEXANDER: Blaisy 5; McMillan 6, Provan 7, O'Reilly 6, Tansey 8; Hey 6 (Bozakis 6 half time), Taylor 6, Bannon 6, Campbell 7; Cole 6, Buljevic 7.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 6; Reynolds 6, Kampas 7, Jones 6, Bozanic 6; Honeyman 7, McGachey 8, Boyle 8, McGregor 7; Zervas 6, Carruthers 6.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Leslo, Hermiston) CANBERRA CITY 2 (Cant, Hermiston o.g.) at Perry Park, crowd 3000.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell:
LIONS: Lownds 7, Potter 7, Hermiston 7, Bennett 7, Amoe 7, Neale 6, Venables 6, Niven 7 (Wilson 8), Leslo 8, Hughes 7, Morris 8.

CANBERRA: Tilged 7, Brown 7, Henderson 8, Stark 7, Milovanic 7, Davies 6, Cant 8 (Hogg), Byrne 6, Stoddart 8, Heywood 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 3 (Endacott, Boden, Harris o.g.) ST. GEORGE 2 (O'Connor, Jones) at Barton Park, Sydney. Crowd 1637.

Ratings by John Taylor:
NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Willis 6, Endacott 7, Mason 7, Curran 7, Drinkwater 8, Summercales 7, Hardes 8, Boden 9, Galpin 7, Amey 8.

ST. GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 5, Grosse 5, Terry 5, Utjesenovic 6, Gnani 8, J. O'Shea 7, Jones 8, O'Connor 9, Morgan 6, Hensman 6.

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (C. Eaton, Scott, Perry o.g.) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Connor) at Englefield Stadium, Sydney. Crowd 500.

Ratings by Alex Vesic.
WESTS: T. Eaton 7, Turnbull 7, Skellern 6, Hardin 6, Wilson 8, Noble (Rowden 7, 25th min.), Dadds 7, O'Donnell 6, Stone 8, C. Eaton 7, Fisher 6 (Scott 8, half time).

CITY: Wia. art 6, Lavelle 6, Perry 6, Tokael 7, Clark 6, (Ibanex 83rd min.), Gaffney 6, Pimblett 7, Fagan 6, Conner 8, Marley 6, Caldwell 6 (Coyne 6, 53rd min.).

Boden leads

Loading averages in the JAT — 'Soccer Action' player of the year award are:
8.1 Boden (Newc);
7.8 Gaffney (Bris. City), Morris (Bris. Lions), Meier (Syd. Olym), Lutton (S.M.H.);
7.7 Kampas (W.A.H.);
7.5 Perry (Bris. City), Tilged (Can), Vieri (Marco);
7.5 Connor (Bris. City), Byrne (Can), Lujic (J.U.S.T.), Stevenson (Hak.), Hansen (S.M.H.), McGachey (W.A.H.);
7.4 Boyle (W.A.H.);
7.3 Pimblett (Bris. City), Henderson (Can.), Palinas (J.U.S.T.), Russell (Marco), Degney (Marco), Wilson (W.S.);
7.2 Marley (Bris. City), Lownds (Bris. Lions), Stoddart (Can), Yung (Ad. Juve).

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GREEK SUPER STAR CON KAMPAS:

'I want to play for Australia'

Con Kampas, West Adelaide Hellas' brilliant new Greek defender, has been in Australia for three weeks but he has already fixed his sights on his biggest ambition.

"I want to play for the Australian team," he says, sipping a coffee in the canteen at the 'ADELAIDE NEWS'.

"I know there are certain problems involved but I think I can be of some use to the team."

It is a bit of an understatement. Any man who can play more than 300 games for club and country would be an asset to any side.

The West Adelaide Hellas records show Kampas as being 28 years old but the modest former Greek international points out the error.

"Actually I am 29 but age is no barrier... well at least not yet."

"We have a player back home called Mimis Papaioannou who is 37 and he is more than holding his own."

Another understatement. Mimis Papaioannou is to the Greeks what Pele was to the Brazilians.

Australian fans should remember him. He was one of the few full with the Greek National come to Australia in 1969 with the Greek Rational team but played only one game in the three-match series against Australia.



Mimis Papaioannou



Foron Puskas — coached Kampas at Panathinaikos.

Kampas was with the team and remembers "The Bullet," as he is known in Greece, make his debut in Australia.

So do 20,000 fans. Papaioannou came on at half time with the score 0-0 and within a minute of being on the field scored with a rocket from the centre of the pitch.

But strangely Kampas does not consider "The Bullet" as the best player Greece has produced. "Takis Loukanidis was the greatest of the Greek players," he said.

"There was never a player like him before, and there never will be. He had everything — a shot, ball control, stamina and a brilliant football brain."

Kampas rates Papaioannou, prolific striker George Sideris and midfield ace Mimis Domazos behind Loukanidis.

Kampas has played for three Greek First Division clubs — Iraklia, Pierikos and Panathinaikos.

He has played for Greece five times and believes he would still be playing if it were not for an incident that occurred after Greece drew with Brazil in Rio three years ago.

He would not say what it was but along with three other players he was punished for an indiscretion and they have not played for Greece since.

Kampas played in Greece's 0-3 loss to England in 1971 and says he met his most difficult opponent in that match — Martin Chivers.

"He is the sort of player no defender likes to mark — big, strong, powerful in the air and with two feet to match."

"I remember him very well — he scored two goals."

Despite being a defender Kampas has scored a host of goals in his First Division career — most of them penalties and free kicks.

He has yet to miss a penalty (15 in all) and has scored about 10 goals from free kicks.

Kampas particularly remembers the penalty he scored for Panathinaikos against Salonika giant PAOK in a tight match in 1976.

"The score was 0-0 and we were given a penalty," he said.

"Domazos was going to take it but our coach Foron Puskas pointed to me to take the kick."



Brazilians Rivelino (top) and Jairzinho — the best players Kampas has opposed.

"It was the best penalty I have taken — it went like a bullet into the far corner and gave us two points."

Later, when Puskas was asked why he wanted Kampas to take the kick, he was quoted as saying in the Greek Press: "I knew he wouldn't miss it."

Kampas is enjoying life in Adelaide but something puzzles him.



The great Mim's Domazos

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

He can't understand why a former team mate Vangelis Dandrakis, a goalkeeper, could not hold his place when he was with Hellas in the early 70s.

"I am told a player called Peter Tsitsoas was the regular choice. I can't believe it."

Dandrakis was the best goalkeeper in Greece from 1962 to 1968. "He was a fantastic goalkeeper."

Kampas believes Hellas after a poor start to the season will move swiftly up the table.

"I think we will do very well."

"We have some good players and once the boys settle down we will beat anyone," he said.

Who are the players he is most impressed with?

"Martyn Crook is a good goalkeeper and I like Barry Reynolds, David Jones and Peter Boyle."

"Boyle would do very well in Greece."

"He runs for 90 minutes and Greeks love players like that."

Kampas has already made a big impression in the three games he has played for Hellas.

A skilful, energetic defender, he has a tremendous left foot which resulted in Hellas' third goal against Brisbane Lions recently when the keeper failed to hold a pilsdriver and Boyle snapped it up.

Kampas is determined to succeed and made it quite clear that he will play his last game of soccer in Australia.

"This is where my future lies now and all I want to do now is to play the best I can."

"I have a thing about soccer — I am the sort of player who believes in giving everything he has."

"I am not just saying that. I hope my game will back up my words."

What was the toughest game in which he has played?

"It was when I was playing for Panathinaikos," he said.

"We played Olympiakos on their home ground in 1976 and they had a frightening team then."

Despite several injuries we held them 1-1 and I consider that was my greatest game."

And who was the greatest players he has opposed?

"Jairzinho and Rivelino (the current Brazilian captain) they were great players."

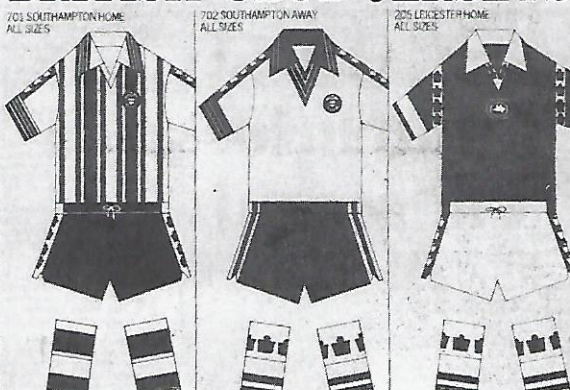
"It is no good talking about them, you have to see them for yourself."

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Con Kampas at Middle Park last Saturday.

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VFL should use soccer's ideas

From page one

For example, instead of remaining a stagnant closed shop, why not open the VFL to promotion from other leagues?

Instead of fighting the idea of a national football league, why not get behind it?

And most important of all, why not settle the differences with the VFA?

It is the selfishness within the code that is holding back Australian Rules if, in fact, the code

Meanwhile, we defend the right of Australian Rules and any other sport to operate on any day of the week, as a basic democratic principle.

But we also subscribe to the axiom "Live and let live."

There are many so-called "foreigners" who get to an Aussie Rules game on a Saturday and a soccer game on a Sunday. It would be nice if the Aussie Rules public had



Bertie Lutton (left) of Hellas and John Nicolaides of JUST fight for a high ball.



Andrija Ristic of JUST goes past Bertie Lutton of Hellas. Ristic has the chance to re-establish himself as a regular.

Lujic into Vic squad

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s brilliant left back Zdravko Lujic is one of three new men brought into the Victorian squad for a match against South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30.

The other new men are forward Dave Perkin of Green Gully and Ken Taylor of Fitzroy Alexander. The players omitted from the original squad are: Peter Donaldson, John Patten (Green Gully), Branko Cudine (Essendon Croatia), Jim Symington and Peter Clarke (Slavia).

The 19-man squad for tonight's game is: John Hansen, Stuart Baxter (Hellas), Jim Kondaric, Zdravko Lujic (JUST), Bob Provan, Ken Taylor (Alexander), Peter Laumela, Eric Lesbrel, Bill McClymont, George McMillan (Makedonia), Vance Bannon (Frankston), Steve Kokonek, Alan Kerr, Tom Cumming (Croatia), Steve Bennie (Slavia), Mick Watkins, Charlie Smith (Juventus), Ken Reed (George Cross), Dave Perkin (Green Gully).



Zdravko Lujic

Our sympathy

"Soccer Action" extends its sympathy to former player Kurt Goettlicher and his wife on the loss of their five-year-old daughter, who was killed when she was struck by a car in St. Albans last Friday night.

Goettlicher was in the team playing under the name West Germany, which won the 1959 under 20 Laidlaw "World Cup" in Victoria.

He played for St. Albans and in the State League for Richmond and J.U.S.T. During a spell back home in Germany he was with Karlsruher.



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Chance for Hellas to take the lead

By LAURIE SCHWAB

South Melbourne is poised to take over leadership of the Philips League after its 2-0 win over Footscray JUST at Olympic Park in front of 8250 people last Sunday.

Hellas should beat Brisbane City at Middle Park on Sunday, while league leader Marconi has a difficult match against unbeaten Western Suburbs in Sydney.

If Marconi drops a point, Hellas could move into top position on goal difference.

Knowing the importance of goals in this situation, Hellas will try to score as many as possible against Brisbane City, although Peter Tokasi and Steve Perry will certainly be no pushovers.

Hellas had the ball in the net four times against JUST but referee Bob Henderson twice ruled no goal because of infringements.

The goals that did stand, were both headed home by big Peter Ollerton who has so often engineered JUST's downfall.

Yet JUST had probably more scoring chances than Hellas.

Striker Drgan Vasic got himself into dangerous positions but couldn't get the ball into the net.

Goalkeeper John Hansen also played his part by positioning himself perfectly for every save.

JUST left-back Zdravko Lujic was the man of the match. He was brilliant. What else can be said?

Coach Cedo Cirkovic started Lujic in defence, but pushed him up to the left wing in the 70th minute.

With Mendo Ristovski out injured, Lujic will probably have to stay in attack.

Andrija Ristic came into the defence when Lujic moved forward and showed he will play well there. Ristic had some fine games last season, but has been used only as a stopgap this season. He now has his chance to re-establish himself as a first team regular.

Hellas wasn't as sound as usual in defence and seemed to have trouble handling the greater ball skills of the JUST players.

Mike Pye and Chris Kalafatis, for example, were often beaten on the ground, and it was left to Stuart Baxter to clear many dangerous attacks.

However, Margaritis Hage-manouli at left back had an excellent game. He had obviously been told to stick closely to Joe Palinkas, so he restricted Palinkas to only four or five raids, while still managing to come forward occasionally.

Chris Kent was excellent as usual on the left flank, operating along the full length of it and causing havoc in JUST's defence with some of his crosses.

The Hellas midfielders, Bertie Lutton, Sammy Wright and Billy Rogers, all had sound games, and of course Peter Ollerton proved the match-winner with his two goals.

JUST looked dangerous in the second minute. Mike Rujovic, back after injury, crossed the ball into the middle, but it was too far behind Vasic who could not get to it properly.

Then Vasic went on a great run on a long ball, beating Pye and squaring the ball to Palinkas who hit the side netting.

Rujovic brought the ball down inside the penalty area for John Nicolaides who had a quick shot on the turn but Nicolaides could not connect with the ball hard enough to beat Hansen.

Zoran Iliakic had a powerful shot from 25 metres but again Hansen saved.

Nicolaides engineered a good move inside the penalty area by cutting the ball behind a defender into open space, for Vasic to run onto. However, Vasic twisted his ankle and fell over.

Hellas struck back, with Ollerton bringing down a high ball for Bob McGinness, but Lujic made a brilliant tackle on McGinness inside the goal area before referee Henderson had a chance to whistle a free kick for a foul by Ollerton on goalkeeper O'Hara.

Ollerton and Lutton missed with good shots when the brilliance of JUST's opening 20 minutes began to fade.

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Peter Ollerton heads home Hellas' second goal against JUST. Other players from left are goalkeeper Mike O'Hara, Billy Rogers, Igor Hazabent, Jim Kriaris and Andrija Ristic. —Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Wests give Ugly a victory

By ALEX VESIC

Steve Perry, the ex-Western Suburbs player, headed a cross from Turnbull into his own net to help give his old team its first home win of the season.

The first quarter of an hour of this game suggested that Wests were in for another torrid afternoon. The pitch was soaked, Brisbane City played well and Terry Eaton had his hands full.

Out, a badly misdirected pass by one of the Western Suburbs defenders was intercepted by Kevin Caldwell who set the ball on a run straight towards the goal, but that is exactly what he did. He outstrided Skellern, Wilson failed to catch him, and he laced Terry Eaton. Eaton managed to block the shot, but the ball bounced off Eaton to the feet of Willie Conner who beat Skellern, then shot from an acute angle only a few metres away from the line. The ball ricocheted off Warren Turnbull's foot and into the net.

Brisbane Lions and Newcastle were treated to an early goal advantage at Englefield stadium this season, so why not Brisbane City? And this is what it looked like for the first 17 minutes of play. Willie Conner, Larry Gaffney and Frank Pimblett were creating openings and the home team looked doomed to another draw or even a loss.

Then, as if touched by a magic wand, Wests players started to fire and soon showed that they were not going to leave Dural with their heads down.

In the 26th minute Peter Stone ran past four defenders, then, faced by Wishart, shot just wide of the far post.

Peter Wilson latched onto a short pass by Stone and unleashed a superb drive which grazed the cross bar.

In the same minute, young Rod Skellern surprised with a superb shot from 35 metres, which dipped too late but gave Wishart and his team mates an anxious moment.

11: In the 37th minute Wests got on equal terms after a brilliant goal by Clive Eaton.

Skellern, the young man who is throwing the ball Ray Richards style, found Dods deep inside the City's penalty area with yet another long throw. Dods backheaded the ball over the heads of Tokasi and Perry, to find an unmarked Clive Eaton. The Wests striker headed towards the far corner, giving Wishart no chance.

The last couple of minutes of the first half belonged to the visitors, but shots by Fagan, then Tokasi in the 43rd and 45th minute respectively, were not on target.

The second half of this match uncovered a new name in the West line-up.

Andy Scott played the full 45 minutes, replacing Fisher. The tall, redheaded striker quickly asserted

couple of players and found Scott who took a first-time shot, which looked like going over Wishart, but the City goalkeeper lunged towards the ball, fingering it around the post for a corner.

31: Turnbull beat Steve Clark for the umpteenth time on the left flank and crossed towards Clive Eaton. Perry was quicker than Eaton and attempting to clear heading the ball into his own net.

Scott almost made it 4-1 with 10 minutes to go, but his header was just too high.

The win was a just reward for Wests, who played an attractive brand of soccer giving those few



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CHRIS CAIN FOR SALE

Chris Cain is on the transfer list of Victorian club Albion Leyland.

Cain recently returned from the U.K., and was told by the club that he was not wanted.

He played at left back in Albion's First Division championship-winning side last season, and can be contacted on 94 2726.

"Ugly" Dave Gray was at the ground again, the Popular comedian from the "Blankety Blank" is determined to see as many Wests home matches as he can, and proudly trots around in the Magpies supporters guernsey.

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Fire at ground follows bashing!

The Philips League will make a ruling tonight (Wednesday) on charges against Fitzroy Alexander over the mob attack on referee Dave Yelland at Middle Park last Saturday.

Alexander faces a fine or loss of points on charges of having failed to control spectators and having failed to provide adequate security for the referee and linesmen.

Yelland and linesmen Colin Tuffield and Sam Zeumas were attacked by an angry mob after Yelland had allowed two minutes of injury time during which Eric Carruthers scored the goal that gave West Adelaide a 1-1 draw.

On Saturday night, someone started a fire that caused about \$17,000 damage to one of the Middle Park pavilions facing Aughtie Drive. The pavilion housed equipment used by Hakoah-St Kilda.

Yelland, 32, who has refereed about 1000 games in the past 16 years, had his jaw fractured by a punch that left him out cold for 10 minutes.

However, he was on the phone the next day seeking details about which match he is to referee this weekend.

In 1962 Yelland was punched by a player who was subsequently banned for eight years.

Last year, after a game at Middle Park, he was spat upon by rampaging fans.

In 1961 his father, George, who

was a top referee then, was lucky to escape serious injury when a crazed spectator bashed him with a flag post.

Dave Yelland was still counting his bruises on Monday morning. There were at least six on his head and countless others on the rest of his body.

"They punched and kicked me out on the ground and the West Adelaide players did a great job helping me to get into the dressing room," he said.

"However, at least two people followed me in. One of them started abusing me, and so I told him to get out. Assuming he would leave, I turned away from him and that's the last I can remember. He must have really laid it into me."

"He was about my height — 6 ft.

1 in. — and he had dark hair. I'd never seen him before. If I can recognise any of them on the ATVO film of the game, I will press civil charges to get some form of compensation."

"Not one of the people who hit me squared up in front of me. They all got me from the back or the side, which says something about their cowardice."

Yelland said clubs should spend part of the money they have on improving grounds and protecting the name of soccer, rather than using it all on players.

"I reported Middle Park to the league last year because of the poor security. The fence around the pitch should be made higher and filled in with wire mesh," he said.

"There should also be more police at the ground. Although we had about a dozen after the trouble started, there were only two on duty during the match."

"I asked an Alexander official to make a public announcement before the game, warning everyone to stay behind the fence. The announcement was not made."

Yelland is a maths teacher at Belmont High School in Geelong. He is the only Victorian to have started refereeing senior matches before he turned 18.

He was appointed an FIFA referee last year.



A rampaging spectator has his first raised to punch referee David Yelland who is obscured by West Adelaide players after the match against Alexander at Middle Park. —Picture by Channel 9.

Canberra next for Alexander

By LAURIE SCHWAB

West Adelaide and Alexander should do well in their games this week, providing West coach John Margaritis strengthens his attack and Alexander's defenders keep their heads.

Alexander meets Canberra at the Bruce Stadium on Saturday. West Adelaide meets Footscray JUST at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Nell McCaghey and, in the second half, Peter Boyle played brilliantly in midfield against Alexander at Middle Park last Saturday.

Graham Honeyman also did well there and Vic Bozanic provided even more drive with his good attacking runs from left back.

However, with the team concentrating on defence to force at least an away draw, West Adelaide had little power in attack.

Ian McGregor, who alternated between attack and midfield, was rarely in the play. Alex Zervas was mostly beaten, although it was his cross that resulted in the equalising goal. Eric Carruthers was also beaten by the Alexander defenders, but eventually scored after goalkeeper Peter Blasby had made what will be remembered as the blunder of the year.

Margaritis still has Graeme Norris in reserve. In a home game, where the emphasis must be on scoring goals, Norris will be invaluable.

Alexander's defence, which had been the team's Achilles heel in previous games, was much improved for most of the match, until Blasby's costly mistake.

Attacking left back Jim Tansey was his side's best player. Bob Peters was sound at centre back and Jim O'Reilly showed improvement alongside him.

But Alexander continues to have problems in midfield. Ken Taylor buzzed about quite well and did deliver a few nice passes, and Jim Campbell obeyed instructions by

blocking Barry Reynolds on the flank and also figuring in some snappy attacks.

However, Pat Bannon could never get going — certainly he played few of those accurate, long through balls which are usually his specialty. Doug Hay was tried out once again but did not have a chance to show much before being replaced by Andrew Boskic at half time.

As usual, Alexander looked most dangerous when Branko Buljevic dropped back to fetch the ball and stormed forward to combine with Gary Cole.

It was the Buljevic-Cole partnership that put Alexander into the lead in the 73rd minute.

Alex Zervas lost the ball in attack, with most of his team mates in forward positions.

This created the openings for an Alexander counter-attack which saw Buljevic passing to Cole to beat David Jones and goal post Martyn Crook.

The equaliser came in the second minute of injury time.

Zervas sent a cross from the right corner. Pat Bannon and O'Reilly had it covered, but when Blasby yelled "it's mine," they let it go for him. Trouble was, Blasby fumbled the ball and dropped it. Carruthers accepted it gratefully and slammed home the equaliser.

West Adelaide's former Greek international Con Kampas had quite a sound game in defence but almost caused a goal in the 20th minute when he kicked wildly into the back of Cole. The ball bounced loose to Buljevic who slipped it back to Cole, but Martyn Crook



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positioned himself well to stop Cole's shot.

Honeyman sent a shot sizzling over the bar and Carruthers missed with a header after Honeyman had set him up.

Then Provan sent a great pass to Tansey who crossed, but Cole in the middle just failed to meet it effectively.

Alexander players claimed a penalty when Kampas, arms outstretched, bumped into the back of Jim Campbell while heading clear, but referee Yelland waved play on.

Yelland then showed the yellow card to both Boyle and Hay for an incident behind play.

McGregor was injured at the other end but after treatment on the line, he returned to the pitch.

Just after half time Tansey and Blasby were hurt as Tansey made a brilliant sliding tackle on Carruthers who was charging down onto the ball in the goal area.

Then McGregor and Zervas both cost West Adelaide a goal in a ridiculous blunder. Bozanic forced his way through the defence and played the ball short. McGregor stood back looking at it, waiting for Zervas to shoot. Zervas did the same, thinking it was McGregor's ball, so Provan cleared it with a powerful kick.

West Adelaide got on top in the second half as Boyle turned on his best form, backed up by McGaghey.

McGregor fluffed another chance when he controlled the ball well inside the area, but shot straight at Blasby.

Then a timely foul by O'Reilly on Boyle prevented what would otherwise have been a goal.



Hakoah captain Henry Mowbray has a heated argument with referee Barry Wilkinson.



Marconi winger Peter Sharne, about to be fouled by a Hakoah defender.

Thomson, Prskalo sent off

By JOHN TAYLOR

If ever a match was spoiled by a referee it was the battle of the giants at Wentworth Park between last year's champions Easts Hakoah and runner-up Marconi.

While the match lacked goals it certainly wasn't short of action.

Anyone who saw the game will automatically point the finger at referee Barry Wilkinson for turning this promising spectacle into a bad-tempered affair.

Wilkinson sent off two players — one from either team and one in each half.

Hakoah's central defender Eddie Thomson was the first man to receive an early shower in the 30th minute.

He will be charged with using foul and abusive language.

Five minutes after half time Marconi's sweeper Ivo Prskalo received the red card for deliberately catching the ball.

And apart from producing the red card twice, Wilkinson also handed out yellow cards to Hakoah's Steve O'Connor, captain Henry Mowbray and Alan Karahaw.

Had Wilkinson awarded a penalty to Marconi when Peter Sharne was deliberately brought down in the box after just three minutes then the match would probably never have become so vicious.

It's hard to understand why Wilkinson let some blatant fouls go unnoticed.

After the match I asked rival coaches Rale Raslic and Gerry Chaidi about Wilkinson's handling of the match.

Raslic said: "Why was he ever put in charge of such a big game?" Chaidi's comment was: "A shameful display."

Chaidi was particularly pleased with how well his boys hung on after Thomson's dismissal.

It was a critical period for us and the players' hearts were big," Chaidi said.

Socceroo midfielder Murray Barnes was a late withdrawal from the game following the death of his father Gerry Barnes on Saturday morning.

"We missed Murray, but his replacement Alan Karahaw did a good job," said Chaidi.



Hakoah 0 Marconi 0

If Marconi had capitalised on the enterprising play of left back Paul Degney in the first half, they could have had the game well and truly wrapped up in those first 45 minutes.

Degney created three really good chances with his fine overlapping and intelligent runs only to see Gary Byrne and twice Peter Sharne fail to put the ball into the net.

Hakoah midfielder Bob Smith muffed his team's best chance in the first half when he put the ball over the bar with only goalie Allan Maher to beat in the 17th minute.

The man who was making most of the play for Hakoah during this period was winger Hilton Silva.

But the match exploded when Thomson left the field after half an hour.

The Thomson incident almost triggered a walk-off by the Hakoah players. Captain Henry Mowbray argued heatedly with the referee and coach Chaidi had quite a few words to say to Wilkinson.

That's the time when all the nasty fouls crept into the game.

Marconi midfielder Gary Byrne received a bad kick and was replaced by Ray Richards in the 38th minute.

If I look had gone his way Richards would have scored from a Jim Rooney free kick in the 44th minute but for one of his own players — Bertie Marian — blocking his shot near the line.

Hakoah had the better of the second half and had most of the play when Marconi's Prskalo was ordered off.

Hakoah striker Ernie Campbell found he now had more space to do his stuff and he almost got the vital goal in the 55th minute.

Campbell jumped well to head a ball from a Joe Watson pass but it hit the base of the post and stayed out.

Campbell had another splendid opportunity to break the deadlock in the 78th minute but he shot wide of goalie Allan Maher.

In fact, Marconi were lucky to survive in the end — but for the fine keeping of Maher.

But that point kept Marconi on top of the League!

Newcastle win due to long, hard work

Newcastle United, in their initial season in the Philips League, notched up their first ever victory, downing Sydney glamor team St George 3-2 at Barton Park.

Saints replacement striker Robert O'Shea crashed a header onto the Newcastle cross bar in the dying minutes but the ball rebounded into the open to preserve the score.

A draw would hardly have been a fitting result as Newcastle fought back to utterly swamp St George in a thrilling second half.

Newcastle coach Alan Vest was delighted, although he quite readily admitted that the Saints had made United fight all the way.

"It is fair to say that today's game was won by the work the boys put in over past weeks," said Vest.



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"Actually we have not lost in three away games, so the record is much better than people realise."

The turning point came in the 61st minute with Newcastle leading 2-1.

Neville Morgan, struggling to find form as Saints' central striker, came with a bullet-like header from a perfect left wing cross by Peter Hensman, only to miss the target by a metre.

The St. George midfielder, and particularly Paul Jones and Rudi Gnani, had been on top but they surrendered meekly to leave the Novascadians virtually in control of the park.

Apart from the occasional break, the balance of the game was played deep in Saints' territory with too many balls being presented by St. George to their opponents.

Saints left-winger Paul O'Connor opened the scoring in the 13th minute by rifling a low shot into the far end of the net after drawing Newcastle goalkeeper Phil Dando off his line.

Neil Endacott equalised for Newcastle three minutes later after an almost unbelievable run by Mike Galpin, who cut back a short ball from the by-line to perfectly tee up for Endacott's shot.

Newcastle midfielder Craig Mason took advantage of a ball-looming goal kick from St. George's Martin Coo in the 42nd minute. His header found Ken Boden,

George's square defence uselessly calling for off side.

St. George skipper George Harrik, facing his own goal, nudged Galpin's long cross ball from the right into his own net in the 72nd minute and within 60 seconds Saints' Paul Jones had curled in a 16 metre shot past Dando for a 3-2 final score.

Newcastle's win was a team effort but the creativity of Boden and Galpin and the sheer determination of Soccerero left-back Col Curran were strong factors in their victory.



Alexander's Arthur McMillan makes a desperate slide to stop Peter Boyle of West Adelaide.

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Smaller clubs dropping out of the race

Despite all the publicity and some of the shock results in the first few rounds, it now looks highly unlikely that any of the smaller clubs will challenge for the Phillips League championship.

There was much ballyhoo about Newcastle, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City but none of them has what it takes to make good this year.

The only one of the smaller teams that may yet pose a threat is Canberra.

Peter Marinello, the Scottish star, will strengthen the team in his 10 guest games this year, and the return of

Adrian Alston will certainly make a difference.

But I'm sure that the giants will rule once more. Hakoh, Marconi, perhaps Western Suburbs, and of course South Melbourne Hellas.

Hellas showed the rest of Australia exactly how strong a club it really is when it drew 16,000 to its clash with Alexander.

Hellas should have been among the leaders last year, but having learned many painful lessons, it is making sure of success this time.

The only disappointments so far have been St George, Alexander and Footscray J.U.S.T.

Before last weekend's round J.U.S.T. had a success rate of only about 40 per cent and you can't be a championship contender if you keep on going like that.

I thought, after its win against Adelaide Juventus, that J.U.S.T. would have had a much happier start.

We know that J.U.S.T. has had injury problems and that it has been bleeding new players. Perhaps things will get better.

Alexander has also started very badly, but the 1-1 draw with Hellas may prove to be a turning point.

The prophets of doom were condemning West Adelaide



RALE RASIC

Hellas and Adelaide Juventus for their early failures, but both South Australian teams will now start surging up the ladder.

It's good to see West Adelaide and Olympic doing well, for the League needs their big Greek support.

St George has also started poorly but the Saints never stay down for long and should improve dramatically when the team is settled and reinforced by Paraguayan winger Isadora Acosta.

My personal best wishes to J.U.S.T.'s young Mendo Ristovski, who was injured in a car accident.

All at Marconi hope that he gets well soon and we look forward to playing against him in our return match in Sydney later this year.

Meier proves he's one of the best

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Tommy Anderson's "Tartan Army", Sydney Olympic, performed a mid-afternoon raid twice in three weeks at Hindmarsh Stadium and again "pinched" two points.

Olympic beat West Adelaide Hellas 1-0 three weeks ago and on Sunday, Anderson's commandos swept aside Adelaide City Juventus by the same score.

Olympic, in fifth place and three points behind leader Marconi, confirmed they would be a definite challenger for the Phillips League title.

Their fluent, methodical game will lift them among the leaders if they can continue on from last Sunday's performance.

Juventus, desperate for an early goal, began with a great deal of urgency but found goalkeeper Gary Meier in superb form.

Meier did not make a solitary mistake and again proved that he is very close to being Australia's Number 1 goalkeeper, and a must

for the new national squad. It took him only five minutes to show his class when he got on his toes to palm away a point-blank header from John Nykohus.

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desperately for an equaliser but it did not come.

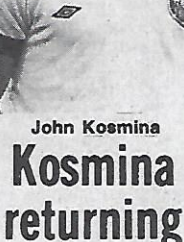
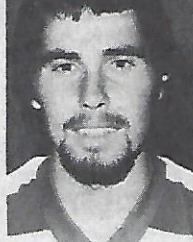
The nearest they came was a John Nykohus shot which Meier comfortably tipped over the bar.

Anderson was all smiles as he met his players at the tunnel after the match and congratulated them.

Juventus coach Edmund Kraft was not nearly as happy and could not be looking forward to the next match against Hakoh in Sydney on Sunday.

Hakoh whipped Juventus 6-1 in Sydney last year and although a repetition is highly unlikely, Juventus will need to show more application, especially in midfield, if they are to gain revenge.

Meanwhile, Olympic play Newcastle in Newcastle which could draw a record crowd.



John Kosmina

Kosmina returning

LONDON — Australian World Cup striker John Kosmina, who

figured in an estimated \$5,000,000 transfer to English First Division side Arsenal a month ago, hopes to return to Australia briefly next month.

Kosmina, who has scored three goals in seven games for the Arsenal reserve team, said he plans to return for six or seven matches in the Phillips League after the close of the English season.

Kosmina will probably rejoin West Adelaide Hellas.

He is also banking on another national team call-up for Australia's friendly international against Greece in June.

He will return to London in mid-July for a make-or-break attempt to get into the Arsenal senior team next English season.

"If I don't make it next season, I'll be off," he said. His contract with Arsenal runs until July 1979.

"I've had my regrets about coming here sometimes," he said, "but I'm sure the experience in England will do me the world of good."

STATE GAME

The Victorian under-18 team takes on Slavia at the Showgrounds tonight (Wednesday).

Coached by Bill Curran, the U-18 team has some talented youngsters, who will be the stars of tomorrow. Kick off is 7.30pm.

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Warren storms out

By BRUCE WADDELL

Canberra City shared the points for the fourth time in six matches when they drew 2-2 with Brisbane Lions in the floodlit match at Perry Park in Brisbane.

There was a good deal of controversy with the Canberra contingent and coach Johnny Warren doing his best to calm the nerves of his players. The referee of Jack Wood, claiming later it resulted in Lions' two goals.

But if there was a complaint about referee Wood, there was no excuse for the display by Ian Heywood in front of the main portion of the crowd just after Lions had scored their first goal.

This type of action in front of people soccer is trying to attract to the games is now apparently common-places (it is a regular habit of national skipper Peter Wilson) and should be stamped out by officials.

The game itself was a cracker and the crowd was treated to an exhilarating opening 15 minutes, during which three of the four goals were scored.

Lions' replacement for mid-fielder Eddie Spearritt, Alan Venables, laid a careless pass back in the direction of Jim Hermiston and the loose ball was pounced on by the dashing Brian Stoddart.

The centre forward made good ground before setting up his midfielder Jimmy Cant, who made his chance look simple in the ninth minute.

Only four minutes later, Lions produced some splendid lead up involving Alan Niven and Geoff Morris, which resulted in Paul Laslo equalising, beating Ron Tilised from close range.

It was at this point most of the Canberra side besieged linesman Col Amos, apparently claiming they had been an offside infringement in the leadup.

With order restored, Canberra City took only

another two minutes to again take the lead when Hermiston deflected a cross from Stoddart past Nigel Lownds into his own net.

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Meier, Degney star newcomers

From page one

"We will pick the men in from our two PSL teams regardless of their age or whether they qualify as Australians," Kraft said.

Victorian coach McKay said: "Some of the older players, like Rooney or Wilson, should be kept in the NSW team to steer the younger ones along the right path."

"Basically, I believe the best player for each position should be in the State team, regardless of age."

"If you want to groom players for the future, you do it by forming a State under 21 or under 23 squad."

"This squad could play against the full state team in exhibition and training matches, and could also be sent on country tours."

Johnny Warren, coach of Canberra City and director of coaching for the ACT, agrees with NSW's move to put an age limit on representative players.

"We know what the experienced players can do, so a Rooney or a Wilson can be included later, if the occasion demands it," Warren said.

"If we don't start using new players, we'll never develop good replacements."

However, Warren was angry that no Canberra City players have been included in the NSW squad.

"Technically we are in ACT Federation territory, but the ACT does not have any representative games coming up. Seeing that NSW included players from Canberra club Inter Monaro, surely it could have also used a few from Canberra City."

"Young fellows like Terry Byrne, Ken Handerson, Dan-

ny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic certainly deserve consideration," as does Ron Tilised who's one of the league's best goalkeepers on present form."

Despite the absence of the established stars, NSW's squad looks quite impressive.

Peter Stone and Murray Barnes are the only survivors from Australia's World Cup campaign, but Kevin Mullen, Brendan Grose, Terry Butler, Mark Jankovic and Phil O'Connor all have played at least once for the Socceroos. Butler was on Australia's tour of Asia in 1972.

The selection of Gary Meier is long overdue. He is one of the finest goalkeepers in Australia.

Marconi left back Paul Degney should also have been selected a long time ago, and the inclusion of Western Suburbs protege Rod Skellern must be applauded.

Kevin Coleman has played for Australia at junior level, so it's only logical that he should progress to senior representative ranks.

One of the sensations of the squad could well be Monaro's Sebastian Gianpaolo who did so well in the NSW Ampol Cup series.

A possible NSW line-up is: Meier, Mullen, Grose, G. Allen, Degney, P. Stone, M. Barnes, I. Stone, Butler, Jankovic, O'Connor.

The Victorian team drew 2-2 with State League team Ringwood City in a practice match at Jubilee Park last week.

Victoria missed Bob

Proven, George McMillan and Peter Clarke who were out because they had the flu.

Victoria's line-up was: John Hansen (Hellas); Vince Bannon (Frankston), Stuart Baxter (Hellas), Jim Kondaria (U.S.T.), Jim Symington (Slavia), Charlie Smith (Juventus) (replaced by Bill

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Monaro and Melita set a hot pace

NSW State League
with JOHN TAYLOR

Newcomers Monaro and Melita Eagles continued their great form in the NSW State League last weekend and have set a hot pace in the premiership.

Monaro recorded their best win of the season, defeating Marrickville Olympic 4-1 at Queanbeyan.

Tony Morello (two), Sebastian Giampolo and Walter Valeri scored for Monaro, while Ross Brown knocked in Olympics only goal.

Monaro took only five minutes to score the first goal from a free kick. Ten minutes later a missed kick by an Olympic defender allowed Valeri to chip the ball over the goalkeepers' head for Monaro's second goal.

Olympic never recovered, although they put together several good passes in midfield without breaking down the strong Monaro defence.

In the second half Monaro continued to dominate play and went further ahead with goals from Giampolo and Morello.

Olympic saved some pride when Brown netted in the 81st minute. Monaro State representatives Valeri and Giampolo had good games while in defence Tim O'Meyne was outstanding.

Gerald Crawford, the other Monaro player in the State squad, was injured and had to be replaced in the 23rd minute.

Allan Bourke, Monaro's latest signing, put in a big effort to link the midfield and the attack.

A 73rd minute goal by Eddie Patterson gave Avala a surprise 1-0 win over premiers Croatia at Mona Park.

The Avala defence, led by Alec Gray and Mark Barton, repelled many Croatia attacks and paved the way for victory.

Croatia looked the more dangerous attacking side, particularly in the first half, but with Gray, Barton and goalkeeper Peter Ahrens in top form, the Avala defence held firm.

Avala, whose attack was lifeless in the opening half, showed more dash after the break and Croatia keeper Steve Watson was called on to make some acrobatic saves.

With 17 minutes remaining however, smart play by the Avala forwards put Patterson in the clear and he slammed home a 30 metre drive.

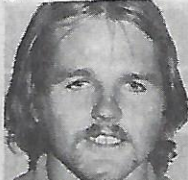
Croatia fought back and piled on the pressure in the last 15 minutes but couldn't bridge the rock-like Avala backline.

A lone goal by Sutherland's Jim Basterfield provided the home team with a 1-0 win in the 35th minute, over APIA-Leichhardt at Lambert Park.

The second half produced much more excitement with APIA striving for the equaliser.

Sutherland weathered the early storm and came back strongly with some good attacking play and close shots from Craig Hall and Paul Smith.

APIA's Horatio Ruiz created many chances but he was let down by lack of support.



● Former Sutherland, West Adelaide and Canberra City player Alan Bourke — now with Monaro.

Melita Eagles scored their third win on the trot and piled up five goals and conceded one against a lack lustre Manly at Garalde Park.

Mick Drossos started the rot for Manly when he scored Melita's opening goal in the 11th minute and then the Eagles found huge gaps in the Manly defence.

Nelson Brizuela scored Melita's second goal in the 37th minute from a pass by Bobby Smith and Brian Parker netted two minutes later with a shot from 12 metres.

Melita led 3-0 at half time. Despite drizzling rain during the second half Melita maintained control and Ian McGovern made it 4-0 with a close range shot in the 49th minute.

Manly gained a consolation goal in the 69th minute when centre forward Greg Toland scored following a free kick.

However Melita hit back in the 71st minute when Drossos scored his second goal with a hard 20 metre shot into the right hand corner of the net.

Toongabbie survived an all-out first half attack to snatch an all-out first half attack to snatch a 1-0 victory over Arncliffe Scots at Gurrween Park.

The sole goal was scored in the 8th minute when Larry Armitage picked up a through ball in the middle of the defence and whipped it into the net.

Arncliffe built a number of chances through consistent lead-up work only to falter in front of goal.

Paul Cockram hit the Toongabbie post in the 12th minute and defender Bob Oldham cleared off the line with his keeper beaten.

Toongabbie fought back with Glen Borwick blasting over the bar from eight metres, and Arncliffe keeper Bruce Cuneo was stretched to the limit to stop a great drive from Jim Last.

In the second half, play deteriorated in the rainy conditions and play was restricted to midfield with neither team looking likely to score.

McCABE COACH AT CROATIA

South Australian and Australian goalkeeper Jim McCabe has been appointed goalkeeper-coach at Adelaide Croatia.

He represented Australia 15 times, and now will conduct coaching for nine Croatia teams.

John Green, a former professional goalkeeper in

the English League, has been given a free transfer by Polonia.

Green was also with Juventus, but was swapped with Roger Romanowicz, who was loaned to Polonia.

He quit playing for a while to concentrate on coaching Beograd, but is now considering making a comeback.



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The Coburg team that won the 1962 Federation Cup, standing from left: Bill Young, F. Loughran, S. Light, P. Murray, J. Faulkner, C. Early, J. Grant, N. Miller. Front: J. Farrugia, D. Brown, J. McFaul.

60th year of Coburg



Coburg's all-time great Frankie Loughran (left) with Stanley Matthews after the Victoria v Blackpool match in 1958.

Australian image since 1918

Coburg Soccer Club, affiliated with the Victorian Soccer Association in 1918, is 60 years old this year.

In the beginning the club played on an old tip site called Hosken Reserve and in 1923 it moved to Cole Reserve in Pascoe Vale.

At that time, rabbits and other animals usually far outnumbered supporters and the nearest houses were miles away.

Coburg played at Cole Reserve from that time until 1976; when it moved back to its ground of old, Hosken Reserve.

The set-up now is much better than in 1918, the council having put up a \$130,000 double pavilion and a built-in sprinkler system.

Early records of the club were never kept but a lot of history has been obtained from old members.

All the talk at the moment is of about how young Australians are playing soccer, yet as far back as 1923 Coburg had Australians among its players.

Ted Arrowsmith of West Street, Pascoe Vale is perhaps the oldest living ex-Coburg player. He is Australian and was playing in 1923.

Later on, in 1935, Coburg had Henry Rhodes, an Australian boy of 13 who played for the club for 15 years before going on to be president for 10 years from 1953 to 1963 and continuing as patron of the club for another 12 years.

Henry still is a good friend to Coburg and helps out when he is required.

Other Australians and well-known Coburg personalities were Jack Drummond, player from 1939-1950 and president from 1951-1953, and the Lyons brothers who played for about seven years in the early 1940s.

Some of the great personalities of the more recent quarter of a century are still with the club.

In these past 25 years, there has been a touch of Irish in the club.

The best known of these personalities is Tommy Walker who began playing with Coburg from 1951-1952, went on to be



Coburg, 1974, back row from left: B. Yearsly, G. Malcolm, J. Frampton, B. Marlowe, R. Malcolm, A. Lenders; front: A. Bolton, P. Murray, D. Bennett, A. Yearsly, S. Loughran.

secretary for 13 years and president for another six years.

Tommy was president when the initial moves were started with the council, over Coburg getting a new ground.

Now all his dreams and ambitions for the club are becoming reality.

Another group of Irish men within the club are the Clements family. The late "pop" Clements was the club's official trainer for longer than many can remember.

Sons Billy and Andy are still active within the club. Billy is vice-president and Andy is a committeeman.

Billy holds a club record of over 200 consecutive games and once played a whole match with a broken wrist.

The remaining two sons associated with Coburg were Jimmy

and Alex, who while not achieving any great heights as players, were good workers for the club for 10 years. (The

youngest son Danny was perhaps smarter than the rest — he took up music!)

Of more recent player-members the

most honoured would be Frank Loughran who represented Australia in the 1950s and won 38 caps. He

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EDDIE SARDON

Club has some of State's best juniors

Since the end of the 1974 season junior soccer has flourished at Coburg, catering for all age groups from under 16.

Coburg have juniors building a reputation respected by many knowledgeable opposing coaches.

The following record speaks for itself:

1975: Yarra League under 9s runners-up; under 11s winners; under 12s winners; under 13As runners-up; under 15s winners.

1976: Yarra West League under 12s winners; Lalor North Under 13s winners; Lalor under 16s winners; Victorian Junior Cup under 13s runners-up.

Due to administrative difficulties, 1977 was not such a successful season for the juniors, although six of the previous years under 16 team and one from the current under 16s commanded places in the senior squad. 1977 also produced

three under 14, two under 16, and one under 18 Victorian representatives. 16-year-old **George Christopoulos** (now with S.M.Hellas) going on to be selected for the Australian under 18 team.

Since 1975 Coburg's Victorian junior representatives have been:

G. Christopoulos 1975-76-77.

G. Kalritsas 1975-76-77.

F. Mancinelli 1975-76-77.

J. Catterson 1975-76.

H. Sheltawi 1975-76.

P. Vuk 1975.

S. Timparo 1976.

S. Sodamaco 1977.

D. Cocorocchio 1977.

P. Skrbic 1977.

Coburg looks forward to a successful season in 1978. Four teams will be fielded — U/16s, U/14s, U/13s and U/11s.

The reduction in the number of teams is necessary due to the consideration given to wear and tear of Coburg's new ground.

The junior pitch will not be ready until 1979.

Managing the juniors will again be **Gordon Crossley's** responsibility. His work for the club over the years is much appreciated.

Terry Tierney has taken over the unenviable job as junior secretary.



Coach is former Ringwood 'keeper

Coburg, 1978, standing from left: K. Upward (president), B. Agnello, O. Mizzi, S. Cummins, M. McGuinness, B. Frampton, R. Bolton; front: S. Timpano, M. Tsolakakis, R. Malcolm (captain), S. K. Taylor.

MEET THE



This is Coburg Rudi van Altena, the former goalkeeper and coach of Ringwood Wilhelmina.



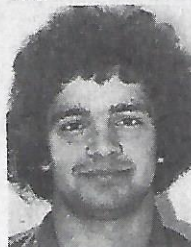
STEVE CUMMINS, 27, goalkeeper, transferred from Broadmeadows, 1976.



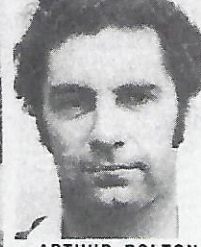
KEVIN TAYLOR, 17, full back, product of juniors.



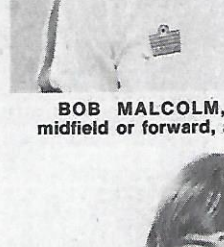
BOB MALCOLM, midfielder or forward, a



KEVIN MIZZI, 16, goalkeeper, from Broadmeadows, 1976.



ARTHUR BOLTON, long-serving defender, club best and fairest in 1976.



ALLAN WILMOT transferred from Mel best and fairest last year



BERNARD HOJSKI, 17, defender, product of Coburg's juniors.



OMAR MIZZI, 17, defender, reserves best and fairest last year, product of juniors.



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Coburg's reserves, standing from left: M. Zammit, D. King, J. Mifsud, K. Mizzi, C. Galea, C. Mifsud, (coach), A. Clements. Front row: B. Jones, T. Akbiyik (also club photographer), J. Bonello, J. Benjamin, L. Agius, J. Curcio. Missing: T. Sherlock, D. Hassan.



Keith Upward



Bill Henry

Upward is boss

The members of Coburg have converted half of their new pavilion into social rooms, where players, and supporters, can relax in comfort after the game.

Coburg's aim for 1978 is to consolidate its position in Division Three and then to become a force in soccer once again.

Executive Committee: K. Upward (President), R. Malcolm (Secretary), W. Clements (Vice president), W. Henry (Asst. secretary), B. Riley (Treasurer). Committee members: A. Clements, A. Bolton, R. Frampton, S.



Stan Frampton

Frampton, C. Smarrelli, J. Catterson, P. McLoyle, G. Crossley (Junior manager), T. Tierney (Junior secretary). 1st team coach: Rudi van Altena. Reserves coach: C. Mifsud. Manager: J. Phelan.

MEN OF COBURG



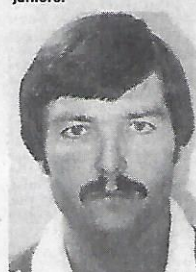
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SAM LOUGHRAN, 27, son of former international Frank Loughran, came up through the juniors. Recently returned to Coburg after two-year spell with Melton. Plays midfield or forward.



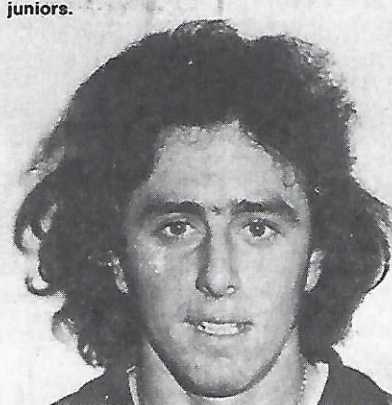
JOHN BONELLO, 16, forward, from juniors.



MALCOLM MCGUINNESS, 35, defender.



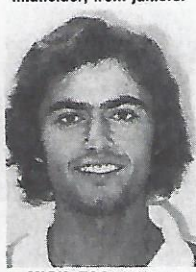
JOHN CURCIO, 16, midfielder, from juniors.



PHIL ALTIERI, forward, back after a season with Polonia.



SANTO TIMPANO, 17, centre back, from juniors.



MICK TSOLAKAKIS, 17, forward, from juniors.

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Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:

GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO	GROUP THREE	GROUP FOUR
Argentina	West Germany	Brazil	Holland
Italy	Poland	Sweden	Scotland
Hungary	Mexico	Austria	Iran
France	Tunisia	Spain	Peru



Tunisia, standing from left: Gasmì, Agrebi, Kaabi, Temime, Dhouib, Attouga; front: Tarak, Kamel, Akid, Gommidh, Liham.

Survived early loss to Guinea

Tunisia's qualifying games:

African first round:
12.12.76 in Casablanca:
Morocco 1 Tunisia 1, ref. F. Woehrer (Austria), crowd 13,056.

9.1.77 in Tunis: Tunisia 1 Morocco 1, Tunisia won on penalties 4-2, ref. W. Hungerbuehler (Switzerland), crowd 44,500.

Second round:
6.2.77 in Tunis: Tunisia 2 Algeria 0, ref. A. Queudeville (Luxemburg), crowd 39,987.

28.2.77 in Algiers: Algeria 1 Tunisia 1, ref. P. Bonetti (Malta), crowd 80,000.

Third Round:
5.6.77 in Conakry: Guinea 1 Tunisia 0, ref. M. Larache (Morocco), crowd 25,000.

19.6.77 in Tunis: Tunisia 3 Guinea 1, ref. H. Fahmy Bahig (Egypt), crowd 35,248.

Concluding matches:
25.9.77 in Tunis:

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the last sixteen

JUGOSLAVIEN - ZAIRE 9-0
1-0 BAJEVIC, 19 8-0 NR 7
2-0 DZAJIC, 11 9-0 NR19
3-0 SURJAK, 9
4-0 KATALINSKI, 15
5-0 BAJEVIC, 19
6-0 BOGICEVIC, 6
7-0 OBLAK, 8

The scoreboard at the end of the Yugoslavia v Zaire game in Gelsenkirchen, West Germany, on June 18, 1974. Will Tunisia suffer similar thrashings? (Incidentally, Petkovic scored the eighth goal and Bajevic the ninth.)

Knocked out by Ivory Coast in '73

Tunisia's previous World Cup campaigns:

1930, '34, '38, '50, '54, '58: Did not compete.

1962 (finals in Chile): qualifying games: v. Morocco 1-2, 2-1, tiebreaker 1-1, Morocco qualified for next round on the toss of a coin, but lost 0-1 and 2-3 to Spain.

1966 (England): Did not compete.

1970 (Mexico): qualifying games: v. Algeria 2-1, 0-0, v. Morocco 0-0, 0-0, tiebreaker 2-2, Morocco qualified for next round on toss of coin and eventually qualified for the World Cup finals.

1974 (West Germany): qualifying games: v. Egypt 1-2, 2-0; v. Ivory Coast 1-1, 1-2; Tunisia eliminated, Zaire qualified for finals as Africa's representative.

Tunisia also took part in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

Its results were: v. Poland 1-6; v. Argentina 1-2; v. Denmark 1-3.

Three from Africa

World Cup Finals results by African teams:

1934 (Italy): Egypt v. Hungary 2-4.

1970 (Mexico): Morocco v West Germany 1-2; v. Peru 0-3; v. Bulgaria 1-1.

1974 (West Germany): Zaire v. Scotland 0-2; v.

Tunisia will rely on its goalkeeper

Tunisia will probably not fare as badly as Zaire did in West Germany four years ago, but it will nevertheless be a pushover for its Group Two opponents, West Germany, Poland and Mexico.

Zaire was humiliated 9-0 by Yugoslavia in 1974. Tunisia won't be beaten by as big a margin — but that's the only thing the Africans have to look forward to.

At least their qualification has wiped out bitter memories of 1961 and 1969 when, during the preliminaries, they were eliminated on the toss of a

coin by Morocco.

Tunisia will rely heavily on its captain, 32-year-old goalkeeper **Sadoq Attouga**, to keep the scores down in Argentina.

Attouga, of leading club side Club Africain, has played about 150 games for his country, including games against visiting club teams.

African footballer of the year is **Dhibab Tarak**, the 23-year-old midfielder who plays for Esperance of Tunis.

The first of Tunisia's qualifying games were against Morocco and they were predictably tight, both ending in 1-1 draws before Tunisia won 4-2 on penalties.

In later rounds Tunisia eliminated Algeria and Guinea before entering the final tournament along with Nigeria and Egypt.

After a scoreless draw at home against Nigeria, Tunisia was lucky to win the return game through a Nigerian own goal.

Nigeria beat Egypt 4-0 but the Egyptians won the return game 3-1, and thus Nigeria was eliminated.

The outcome of the group rested with the two games between Egypt and Tunisia.

Egypt started as the favorite. Soccer is the biggest sport there and leading club El Ahly is coached by none other than the great **Nandor Hidegkuti** of Hungary. A member of FIFA since 1923, Egypt reached the Olympic Games quarter-finals in 1924, the semi-finals in 1928 and was beaten by West Germany in the third place play-off in 1964. Egyptian club Ismaili won the African Champions' Cup in 1969 and Egypt itself won the Nations' Cup in 1957 and 1959, was runner-up in 1961, third in 1974 and fourth in 1976.

Tunisia, on the other hand, has never won the Nations' Cup and no Tunisian club has won the Champions' Cup. Long a colony of France, Tunisia did not become a member of FIFA until 1960.

Team manager is **Majid Chetali**, who played for Etoile and Tunisia in the mid-sixties.

Although Tunisia started as the underdog against Egypt in the deciding qualifying matches, Chetali remained confident in the ability and character of his players.

Apart from goalkeeper Attouga and midfielder Tarak, others in the "star" class are goalscorer **Hezami Temime** who plays for a club in Saudi Arabia, and **Ali Manal** of Swiss Second Division club Chenois Geneva.

The Egyptian players who had built up the biggest reputations are outside right **Mustafa Abdou**, striker **Ali Khalil** and goalkeeper **Ekrani**.

And so the stage was set for the first Egypt v Tunisia match, in Cairo on November 25, 1977.

Line-ups were:

EGYPT: Ekrani; Mohammed Salah; Mustafa Younis; Maher Hammam Bedoui; Sami Mansour; Farouk Gaefer; Hassan Shenata; Saad Saleh; Mustafa Abdou, El Khatib, Ali Khalil.

TUNISIA: Attouga; Makhtar Zuweib; Omar El Habaly; Kamel El Shabhy; Ali El Kaaby; Dhibab Tarak; Nagib Kamis; El Ebeily; Temime; Lemmay An Nagib Imam, Ben Aziza.

Gaefer scored from a

and Shenata added a second to give Egypt a 2-0 lead at half time.

Attouga bravely took the ball from the feet of an onrushing Egyptian forward just after the interval to prevent Egypt from surging even further ahead.

Ben Aziza of Tunisia was unlucky to see his shot hit both posts before being cleared, but he was on target in the 70th minute to make the score 2-1.

El Khatib re-established Egypt's two-goal lead with a fine solo goal but with 10 minutes to go Ali El Kaaby raced up from left back to score for Tunisia and make the final score 3-2.

The return game in Tunis on December 11, 1977, got under way with Egypt needing a draw to qualify for Argentina. For Tunisia a 1-0 win would be enough.

Line-ups were:

TUNISIA: Attouga; Zuweib, El Kaaby, Gasmì, Kamel; El Shabhy, Gommidh; Agrebi (Lashidi), Tarak, Temime, Akid, Liham (Ben Aziza).

EGYPT: Ekrani (Thabet); Abdel-Bakht, Mansour, Bedel, Younis; Shehata Abdou (Khalil), Shaika; Saleh, El Khatib, Mokhtar Ali.

Tunisia took immediate control and ran Egypt into the ground.

The final score of 4-1 could well have been even more convincing.

Scorers were Akid (15th.), Temime (42nd.),

Ben Aziza (65th) and Lashidi (75th). Egypt's consolation goal came from Mokhtar Ali 10 minutes from the end after Tunisia had established a 4-0 lead.



De fender Dhouib

'Outlet for aggression'

BERNE — The General Secretary of the European Football Union (UEFA) has called on public authorities to hand out stricter punishments against soccer fans who provoke violence at matches.

In this two-yearly report of UEFA activities, **Herr Hans Bangerter** condemned "Chauvinistic, sometimes drunken elements who feel they can vent their grudge against society with impunity at international matches, safe in the anonymity of the crowd."

"It is a sad fact that football grounds today serve the masses as a sort of outlet for aggression."



Petkovic scores the eighth goal in Yugoslavia's 9-0 victory over Zaire in the 1974 World Cup finals

Bill Rogers: his last year?

Ex-Socceroo may go to lower league

By KYLE PATTERSON

Australia should forget about fielding its strongest side in the forthcoming games against Greece, says South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Billy Rogers.

Instead, says Rogers, we should select an under 21 team to play against the European visitors.

"It's no use picking established players, some of whom would be over 30 and at the end of their careers," said Billy.

"A team of youngsters could build up in the years to come and any games Australia plays now should be used to give them experience and settle them down. "It wouldn't matter if they lost 10-0 because we will be better off in the long run."

"However, at the moment Australia doesn't even have a national team and we have lost ground since the 1974 World Cup finals."

Rogers, a former Socceroo, says **Rale Rasic** would be the best man to coach this team of young players. "Rale is a very good tactical coach," said Billy, "and can get a team fit as well."

A lot of other coaches concentrate only on the physical side of the game."

Rogers' proposal is a good one.

Players like **Peter Wilson** (Western Suburbs) and **Jimmy Rooney** (Marconi) have served Australia well over the years but it's time they moved over and let the youngsters have a go. After all, they will not be around for Australia's World Cup bid in 1982.

Some of the young players who may be included in the new Australia team for the Greece games are **Danny Moulia** (Canberra City), **Mark Jankovic** (Marconi), **Peter Sharpe** (Marconi), **John and Robert O'Shea** (St. George), **Mendo Ristovski** (J.U.S.T.) and **Martyn Crook** (West Adelaide Hellas).

The experienced Rogers, in his second year with Hellas, has represented Australia.

He played for the Socceroos in one of the most memorable games staged in this country.

That was the Australia v. Santos of Brazil game in Sydney, featuring the greatest soccer player of them all, **Pele**.

"It was like being in the same room as the Queen," said Rogers recalling the game. "I couldn't stop looking at him."

However, Rogers was disappointed with the tactics used by the Australian coach, **Rasic**, in that game.

"We had **Ray Richards** shadowing Pele for the whole game," said Rogers, "but it was a mistake."

"People had come to the game to be entertained by Pele, and it was not right to have someone following him all over the park."

Australia drew that game 2-2.

Rogers played also for Australia against Wolves, as well as representing both Victoria and N.S.W.

Not bad for someone who as a youngster played Australian Rules and tried out with Footscray in the V.F.L.

Rogers came to Australia from South Africa. He was born in Durban, and was 11 when he arrived in this country.

There wasn't any soccer played at the school he went to, so he turned to Aussie Rules.

"I played Aussie Rules for three years," said Rogers, "and one time I tried out with the Footscray fourths (U/18s)."

However, Rogers returned to soccer (he had been a goalkeeper in South Africa "but I let in too many goals," he said), and joined Sunshine City.

"I played in the U/16s and we had a fairly good team," said Billy.

"However, the Sunshine senior club (then in the First Division) didn't take much interest in us, and most of the boys drifted out of soccer."

One player from that team (besides Rogers) who stuck with soccer was **Kaz Piotrowski**, who is still with Sunshine.

Billy wanted to leave the club and go to Hakoah when 15, but Sunshine was asking \$2000 for him.

Understandably, Hakoah didn't want to pay \$2000 for an untried youngster.

"I stood out of soccer for 12 months because I couldn't get a transfer," said Rogers.

However, Rogers made a deal with Sunshine whereby he played, but would be allowed to transfer at the end of the 1968 season if the club didn't win promotion to the State League.

Sunshine missed out on promotion, and Rogers transferred to Melbourne for \$1500.

At Melbourne he teamed up with **Rale Rasic**, who was coach.

"I was playing centre forward then," said Billy "and **Steve Boskany** and **Ray Pocock** (now Sunshine) also played up front."

The talented threesome became known as 'Rasic's Raiders', and they scored 50 goals between them in the 1969 season.



South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Billy Rogers, seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE. Rogers is shown in action against Peter Terry (top left) of St. George; Paul Ontong (top right) of Mooroolbark, Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier; Olympic defender George Gibson (bottom left) and Western Suburbs midfielder Dave Harding (bottom right).



Ray Richards (No. 6) tackles Polo in the memorable 2-2 draw between Australia and Santos. Richards should not have marked Polo, says Rogers.

That year, Melbourne finished runner-up to Juventus in the State League championship.

"Juventus had a really good team," said Rogers, "including **George Kinnell**, the former Sunderland captain, **Dino DeMarchi** (now Fawkner), **Tommy McColl** (former Socceroo), **Sandy Irvine** (now Frankston) and **Bobby Thomson** (former Juventus coach)."

After two seasons with Melbourne, Rogers transferred to Auburn in Sydney.

"I'd heard and read how Sydney soccer was meant to be better than Melbourne soccer," said Rogers, "but I found that to be untrue."

"The standard was about the same, but definitely no better than in Melbourne."

However, Rogers found that Melbourne soccer had the edge in one area.

"In Sydney," he said, "the league was decided by money. The rich clubs were always at the top, and poor clubs never got anywhere."

"At least in Melbourne the competition was closer and it was possible for a little club to do well."

The money aspect became clear to Rogers when he transferred from Auburn to A.P.I.A.

"I was with Auburn for three years," he said, "and we finished 8th or 9th every year."

"However, A.P.I.A. was a more professional club both on and off the field."

"All the training and playing gear was supplied by the club, and we didn't even have to clean our own boots."

"It helped the players get the right attitude, unlike Auburn where it was just a matter of rolling up for training or a game and that was it."

During his stay at Auburn, Billy played alongside **Frank**

Brady who is the brother of **Liam Brady**, the Arsenal and Eire star.

He nearly was the first soccer player to 'streak' during a game.

"I was playing for Auburn against Pan Hellenic," said Billy, "and I had pushed the ball past **Dave Harding** (now Western Suburbs)."

"As I ran past him he grabbed my shorts and half ripped them off."

"It was hilarious at the time."

At A.I.P.A., Rogers teamed up with **John Russell** and **Jimmy Rooney** (both now with Marconi), **Terry Butler**, **John Doyle**, **Dave McQuire**, **Ken Wilson**, **Peter Quertow**, and **Willy Wallace**, the former Glasgow Celtic star.

"Wallace and Rooney were real professionals," said Rogers, "and they put in 100% effort into every game."

It was at A.P.I.A. that Rogers switched from centre forward to a midfield role.

"We already had **Peter Ollerton** up front," said Billy, "so the coach, **Tom Anderson**, (now coach of Sydney Olympic) put me in the middle of the park."

"I prefer midfield now because you are in the action a lot more, and as Peter Ollerton will tell you, you get kicked more up front."

However, Rogers still manages to get a lot of shots at goal each game, showing that his move to the midfield didn't take away any of his attacking spirit.

"I get the chance to come forward," said Billy, "and thanks to Peter I often get a lot more room than I should. With often two defenders marking him it means less pressure on me and the other Hellas attackers."

Rogers was with A.P.I.A. for three years and ironically it was his last game with the club that brought him the most pleasure.

"Club-wise," he said, "A.P.I.A.'s 1-0 win over St. George in the 1976 Grand Final was my best achievement."

Rogers transferred to Hellas for \$7000 at the start of the 1977 season.

"Last season we didn't have the right attitude at Hellas on or off the park," said Rogers, "and it was a poor effort."

"The club still has a lot to learn, even though things have improved this season."

On the subject of poor efforts, the Hellas players have an award for any one of their number who does a particularly stupid thing.

It's called the 'Goofy' award, and the unofficial winner last year was **Mike Pye**, who won it more times than anyone else.

Rogers won his first 'Goofy' for 1978 in Brisbane a few weeks ago when Hellas was there for its game against Lions.

"**Dave MacLaren** (coach) had said that everyone had to report for breakfast at 10.30 a.m.," said Billy.

"It was a really hot day, and **Chris Kent** and I thought we would be leaving the motel after breakfast so we put on our club blazers and ties, etc."

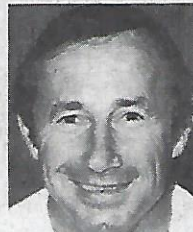
"We rolled up at the right time only to see everyone else strolling around in shorts, all nice and cool."

"We'd got it all wrong, and the rest of the lads had a good laugh."

Rogers, a sub-contractor in the building industry, may be in his last season with Hellas.

"I'm building a house at Warburton (40 miles from Melbourne) that will be ready by Christmas," said Billy. "It could be a bit much travelling to training from there so I might play for a closer club — say Crocydon."

"I owe something to my wife **Julie** and my two boys, **Nathan** (5) and **James** (9). I don't see them as much as I should because of soccer."



Tom Anderson — Rogers' coach at Auburn and APIA.



Willie Wallace — Rogers teamed with him at APIA



Kaz Piotrowski — Rogers' under 16 team-mate.



Ray Pocock (pictured), Steve Boskany and Rogers were Rale Rasic's forward line at Melbourne in 1970



Mike Pye — "Goofy"



Dave Harding — almost

FA WARNS ON REVIE

LONDON. — Don Revie, who walked out as England manager last year to join the United Arab Emirates, could find the going tough if he decides he wants to return to the English club scene.

The Football Association has writ-

ordering them not to try signing him as manager.

Revie was in Leeds for an Easter visit amid speculation that he yearns for club football.

"He knows there is no shortage of would-be hirers so the F.A. letter

squash interest," the "Sunday People" reported.

The clubs were reminded that Revie "will be suspended from any activity in English football" until such time as he answers a charge of bringing the game into disrepute, it

Melbourne in risky position

TARAX 1-1

By RON DARLINGTON

Melbourne has had its ground problem solved temporarily but there are plenty of headaches in store for the club and the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The Metropolitan League board of management decided to let Melbourne play its home

games on Oval 22 at Middle Park, even though the pitch is smaller than the minimum size stated in V.S.F. rules.

However, Melbourne must obtain agreement from the opposition club before every home game.

If the opposition objects playing on Melbourne's under-size ground, then Melbourne must make other arrangements.

The Board, in making its

decision said also that Melbourne must try to find a permanent home ground which comes up to standard.

It is now up to the other Second Division teams which will decide if Melbourne spends the year like wandering gypsies.

Some may agree to play at Melbourne's ground, but others are likely to object, forcing Melbourne to either play some of its "home" games at its opponents'

ground, or rent another club's ground for the day—a move that would be costly for the once-powerful Hungarian club.

The VSF may have to rearrange fixtures to accommodate Melbourne's arrangements, or be faced with last-minute decisions on the venue of a game, which would cause confusion among referees and fans. —

KYLE PATTERSON

The inconsistency of early season results still continues as clubs struggle to find form. The high scores of the week, with the exception of the Tarax V.B. 11-1 win have gone. In fact two of the teams which reached double figures last week, lost this time.

League Champions, Pegasus, were good value for their 4-1 win over Tarax A and Meiko Holdings showed last week's form was not a flash in the pan by beating the cup holders 4-1.

It was a draw match between the air lines in Division 2 but a scoreless draw means both teams remain unbeaten.

Colyer Watson Rovers head the table after defeating Stensens A 2-0 while A.N.Z. Bank A have yet to score after going down 0-4 to

B.A.S. Mario Leon getting a hat-trick. Diecraft were improved from last week as the Falcons found to their cost, Middle Park V.B. 1 A and Philip Morris couldn't decide who was the better team.

It was a complete reversal for A.C.I. Box Hill in Division 3 East going down 2-3 to Travellers Melbourne. The Hillmen had their chances but frittered them away and paid the penalty.

On B.C. Bank head the ladder after their second 6-0 win which included the top individual score of the week by George Georgiadis who got five of them.

Three teams share the lead in Division 4 West. Hill and best Taxation A 2-1, A.R. Split A who were slightly flattered by the 6-2 scoreline at K.S.C. United and Parry Florin who defeated Rowntree Headley 3-1.

Fibremakers United and Tessa T in Division 4 East are close neighbours and as usual had a ding dong battle before Fibremakers won 2-0.

It was not such a close match as Tarax B where the home team coasted to an 11-1 win over G. Kennon.

John Pashas scored 4 of them and was ably assisted by Nick Panagoulous who scored three.

P.A.F. Frognall kept their perfect record and head the table after beating De La Salle B 3-0.

High scoring Ashur United in Division 4 North went down to A.R. Split B 2-3, leading 2-1 with 5 minutes to go the defence conceded 2 goals in this period.

Thomas Cook are the current draw specialists after collecting another single point this week but Recco Coldridge head the ladder with 4 points, 14 goals for and none scored.

Hedges Drafting Dynamo in Division 4 West are one team who continued on where they left off last week, scoring against Rheem to make it 18 in two matches.

Results, ladders, page 14.

CLINICS

The Victorian Soccer Federation will run a junior coaching clinic at the Kingsville College, Box Hill, during the May school holidays.

The clinic is being organised by John Kennedy, the goalkeeper coach at the Kingsville College, Box Hill, who is temporary State Director of Coaching.

The clinic will start at 9 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. May 15, 16 and 17.

Coaches will include Jim Armstrong, Gary Cole and Paddy Sloan.

Any boys interested should contact Ken Lyon on 781 1796.

N.E. LEAGUE

Results of North Eastern Soccer League matches:

Reserves 3-3, U16/0-2, U13/0-2; Cobram 4 v Seymour 1 (5-1, 3-2, 7-1, 1-0); Shepparton 0 v (1-1); Shepparton 10 v Kyabram 4 (6-0, 2-0); Mooroolbark 0 v Benalla 7 (1-8, 1-2, 1-2).

Standings: First Benalla 4, Cobram 4, Leominster 3, Shep. City 2, Shep. Utd 2, Shep. Utd 2, Seymour 1, Tatura 0, Mooroolbark 0.

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also played many times for Victoria.

In 1962 and 1963 Frank was captain of the Coburg team that won the Federation (now Winfield) Cup two years in succession.

Bob Malcolm, who has played for 15 years with Coburg, holds the club record for Best and Fairest Awards.

He has won nine times and been runner up four times in his career of over 375 games with the club.

In 1973 and 1977 he also won the Metropolitan League Division, Best and Fairest.

The club is now filled with youth, the fruits of the junior teams which Coburg runs. Both committee and players will endeavour to make this year the start of the climb to higher Divisions.

Clayton keeper breaks leg, Ackerley yank, Troin to

WEST SUBURBS 1 (Theocharidis) CROYDON 2 (Hamilton). WESTERN SUBURBS: Kiss 6, Kypridis 8, Glykotsimos 8, Taworski 7, Tsamblouk 7, Moore 7, Karapatsos 6, Czapnik 6, Theocharidis 7, Patsakos 6, G. Skoras 7.

CROYDON CITY: Edwards 7, Sinclair 6, Ward 6, McMurphy 7, T. Kelly 7, Lowry 7, S. Kelly 6, Murphy 7, Blacker 7, Hamilton 8, Wyllie 6 (Gerrish, Luton).

Western Suburbs claimed after the game that referee Mellings should have awarded them a penalty when Ward brought down George Skoras.

It was a tight game, in which West scored first. Steve Moore played an unexpected pass to the left where George Theocharidis collected it well and gave goalkeeper Edwards no chance with his shot.

Croydon fought back and in the 20th minute Hamilton, who had scored three goals in the Cumberland Cup final against Wests, got the equaliser after goalkeeper Kiss had left his goal.

From then on, Croydon took control and dominated the rest of the half, although Mike Glykotsimos and his defence did not appear to be in too much trouble.

In the second half Wests went all out to win. Midfielder Moore, Andy Czapnik and Mark Karapatsos took complete control and George Skoras should have scored after a good combination between Moore and Czapnik.

Skoras went around goalkeeper Edwards, but Ward cleared off the line.

Croydon was pushed back into its own half for most of the rest of the game, but centre back Steve McCombe defended brilliantly.

Theocharidis had another good chance to score but he tried to dribble the goalkeeper and lost the ball.

Croydon got a free kick on the left two minutes before the end. While Wests players were arguing with the referee, Charlie Murphy sent the ball high into the penalty area where Hamilton headed the winning goal.

Wests coach Tony Vrzina said: "The only satisfaction for Wests came after the game when referee Mellings admitted he had made a mistake in disallowing Wests' appeal for a penalty."

POLONIA 1 Eposito

(40th). COLLINGWOOD 2 Bozika (20th), J. Dimitriou (own goal 30th).

Scorers: Polonia: Eposito (40th). Collingwood: Bozika (20th), J. Dimitriou (own goal 30th).

POLONIA: Stalinski, F. Dimitriou, Menichelli, J. Pater, Kater, Harfilar, Herman, P. Czapnik, J. Dimitriou (Soronowski), Lalic, Eposito.

COLLINGWOOD: S. Gouzas, T. Sagadouris, Roullacas, Peppas, Tsilapas, Koulikas (Gountarais), Tsakalidis, Beckis, Peris, Sahinidis, Tsetsos (Vasilogiannopoulos).

Bozika missed a penalty for Collingwood when Stalinski saved his shot.

In trying to clear Jim Dimitriou put it to his own goal.

Then Eposito pulled one back for Polonia. Second half was all Polonia but Collingwood keeper made some tremendous saves to stop Polonia's onslaught.

KEILOR CITY 0 DOVETON 0.

KEILOR CITY: V. Schirripa, R. Pasziny, J. Biewer, M. Tasewski, R. Kater, C. Presliski, R. Govic, M. Kraleviski, G. Dorward, L. Van Leeuwen, V. Kotewski, S. Irala, G. Athelm.

A game which saw Keilor City on top nearly throughout. City's forward line however was unable to score against the tall Doveton backline despite having several clear scoring chances.

Keilor also missed the drive of midfielder Ian Leaves who was unavailable.

It showed by its performance that some of the big teams will be in for a tough game when they play City even though having been stamped a pre-season relegation candidate by so-called experts.

MELBOURNE 3 ST. ALBANS 0.

Scorers: Billy Ray (20, 65), Sergio Tribuzio (60th min.).

MELBOURNE: Toth, Hansén, G. Gallo, D. Pinocchio, A. Toth, R. Baker, W. Ras, C. Bukovic, S. Tribuzio, S. Turima, P. Dimitras.

Melbourne should have won by more, but a penalty hit the crossbar.

BOX HILL 5 (Berardini 2, Taylor 3) ARDEER 0.

BOX HILL: Morgan 8, Laphs 7, Paterson 7, Dark 6, Hall 6, Tsikalidis 5 (Own 6 53rd min), McLeod 6, Waalky 6.

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Box Hill started the season off in grand style, thanks mainly to the devastating form of its striking trio of Ian Tuffield, Sergio Berardini and Ray Taylor.

The Hillmen bombarded the Ardeer goal in the second half, scoring four goals and tormenting the Ardeer back four.

Taylor made several long runs with the ball, showing some tremendous skills as he walked around defenders.

Berardini was just as dangerous, using his weight and pace to bustle his way past the desperate Ardeer defenders, who gave away numerous free kicks in attempting to contain the Box Hill forwards.

Although he didn't get his name on the score sheet, Ian Tuffield did a lot of hard work, and often split the Ardeer rear guard with deft between the legs.

Eddie Kupisz was Ardeer's only effective midfielder, and could do with some help from Olmowski, who played in the reserve game.

However, the scoreline may have been much different if Keilor keeper, hadn't been in such fine form.

Early in the game Ardeer pushed the ball around, and had the better of the Box Hill midfield. It was during the opening 30 minutes that Morgan made a series of line saves that kept the Hillmen in the game.

Apart from some early unsteadiness, the Box Hill back four was tight, and it was the first time this season that the team has kept its opposition scoreless.

Kenny Hall made a welcome return to left back for the Hillmen, but Theocharidis was once again disappointing.

Ardeer will have to strengthen its backline, but overall it has the ability to play much better than it did in this game. However, the Polish-backed team will have to play much better than it did in this game.

When Box Hill went 2-0 up after half time some of the Ardeer players dropped their heads, while others gave away unnecessary fouls and got themselves booked.

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Team in the practice match against State League Club Green Gully Ajax. Final score was 3-2 for JUST, with Zoraja taking a rest in the second half.

ELTHAM: Dick, Ernsden, Bailey, Cira, Ryones, Sampsonides, Spaniak, Cochran, Watson, Gooney, Van der Silk, Reserves: Les and McIntosh.

FOOTSCRAY/J.U.S.T.: Ostrowski, Grbac, Karic, Dimovski, Cankovic, Acevski, Talevski C, Viscic, Zoraja, Petriski, Belic, Reserves: Kazanowski (replaced Viscic in 70th min.), Talevski L and Stefanides.

Eltham's best were Les Gooney, Alan Raynes, John Cochran and Danny Spaniak.

JUST Junior: scorers: Under 14 Division "B": Moorebank 1 lost to Footscray/J.U.S.T. 6. Goalscorers for JUST: Osman Latif 2, Mick Cvetkovski 1, Under 16 Division "B": Footscray/J.U.S.T. 6. Goalscorers for JUST: Slobodan Stojevski 4, Tibor Hagymas 1, Lube Talevski 1.

Eltham under 9s beat Melbourne 6-0 and the under 10s drew 3-3 with Hotham.

Eltham reserves beat JUST reserves 3-1.

RESERVES: ELTHAM: Campbell, Wright, Ralph Crowley, Kevin Ernsden, Phil Hopkinson, John Scott, Gary Dracopis, Stewart Taylor, Billy Howe, David Norton, Mick Welby, Ian Rudgely, John Barr, Greg Scherpaniak.

FOOTSCRAY: Amiel, P. Talevski, Krnic, L. Talevski, Stojevski, Smugovick, Bilic, Stephanides, Perovic, Dimovski, L. Stojevski.

RICHMOND 3 (G. Dodin, Antoniou, Voljanovski) FERNTEE GULLY 1.

Richmond had a successful weekend, with all its teams winning.

The senior team will play even better once four injured men return.

KNOX CITY 1 MORELAND 2.

Scorers: KNOX CITY: Flood 87 min. MORELAND: Earl 23 min. Evans 77 min.

KNOX: De Man, Shuttworth, Bedford, Bailey, Shackleton, Flood, Flynn, Howarth, Williams, McConville, Weston, Subs: Milne, Van Dappen, Blanchard.

MORELAND: Debelugh, Kiki, Duncan, Abonyi, Black, Katz, Earl, Oats, Evans, Ferretter 1, Marshall, Subs: Wallace, Farrar 6, Potter.

Earle, a young player, after playing half a game with the reserves, played the senior games and scored first goal.

De Man, trying to save, dislocated a finger.

Both sides played an attacking game and there were many missed chances.

Duncanson, injured gashed leg was carried off on a stretcher.

Third Division CHELSEA PRAHRAN CITY 2.

Scorers: PRAHRAN — 5th & 50th. CHELSEA: S. Fround 15th, 18th, 70th, 76 and 85th.

CHELSEA: D. Graham, J. Koba, J. Graham, D. Breslin, D. Holmes, Z. Lazarovic, P. O'Sullivan, R. Brown, De Cerf, G. Hollingsworth, S. Fround.

Prahran opened in great style with De Cerf beating three players to cross to Fround to head past the keeper.

Chelsea equalised with a deflected shot and went ahead three minutes later. Half time 2-1. Prahran equalised five minutes after the start and put Chelsea under a lot of pressure only to see a penalty given against them, which

club, or rent another club's ground for the day—a move that would be costly for the once-powerful Hungarian club.

The VSF may have to rearrange fixtures to accommodate Melbourne's arrangements, or be faced with last-minute decisions on the venue of a game, which would cause confusion among referees and fans. —

KYLE PATTERSON

made it 3-2.

The Chelsea keeper stopped everything that came his way from then on.

BROADMEADOWS 1 (Bell) ESSENDON CITY 1 (M. Tribuzio).

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Gostling, Sanders, Merga, Campani, M. Sacco, Deguarda, O'Neill (Vella), Selcuna, B. Alderson, Best, CSEBOWN CITY: Paropat, P. Gaponi, Cassaro (D. Capponi), Dolg, Dinza, Sodomaco, M. Tribuzio, Pagliuso, Lucchetti (Banda), Gata, Coppolino.

HEIDELBERG 2 MOOROOLBARK 2.

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Division 3: North Sunshine v Banksia, Yarraluen v Diamond Creek, Cheltenham v Noble Park, East Carlton v Crescent United.

F. McColligan and Gohner were playing well at the back for Sandy and Corio respectively.

An own goal by Drda of Sandy put Corio 1-0 up at half time.

The second half became a dour struggle. Sandy snatched an equaliser through G. Boggan and from then on the game petered out with neither side giving anything away at the back. It was a good point away from home for Corio.

PARK RANGERS 4 (Aston, Parsons, Scott 2) CLAYTON 0.

In incident — packed game, the Clayton goalkeeper broke a leg and Frank Astorini of Park Rangers was shot off.

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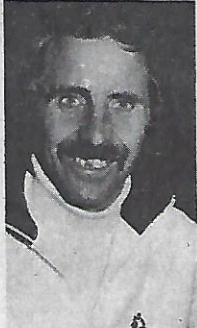
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Bobby McLachlan

Hotson to come back too

Bobby McLachlan quit Fitzroy Alexander last week to return to State League club Juventus as coach.

Under McLachlan, Juventus won the Victorian Dockery Cup last season. He left the club to become assistant to Tony Boggi at Alexander, but decided he would be happier doing his own thing.

"Tony Boggi and Alexander's president Jim Mangopoulos were great to work with and it was a tremendous experience being part of the high standard of soccer played in the Phillips League," McLachlan said.

"However, being assistant coach is not as satisfying as being in full charge, and when the Juventus offer came along I decided it would be a great challenge."

McLachlan previously coached Sunshine City, Albion Leyland, Makedonia, Brighton, the State under 18s and is coach of the Australian schoolboys team that will tour the United States this year.

His appointment to Juventus follows the sacking of former coach Bobby Thomson and a mutiny by the players against caretaker coach Charlie Smith, the team captain.

Although a group of players declared they would not play under Smith as caretaker coach, Smith will nevertheless stay with the club.

When McLachlan took over last week, eight players were out injured — Fausto Targinio, Serge Sannin, Oli Platzer, Lou Sannipoll, Charlie Smith, Mick Watkins and John Lucchesi.

McLachlan said he would try to get up to six new players locally and from overseas.

The first reinforcement is winger John Hotson.

Hotson returned to Scotland after playing last season, and is due to come back this week.

McLachlan has made it clear to the players that if any of them is unhappy at the club, they will be released for a reasonable transfer fee. However, no-one has said he wants to leave.



John Hotson — back this week



Former Juventus coach Bobby

New ground opens Sunday

About 5000 fans are expected to attend the opening of Preston Makedonia's new ground on Sunday.

Makedonia takes on Croatia in a State League second round match at B.P. Connor Reserve, corner of Radford Road and Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir.

Guests will include Mr Peter Collins, M.L.A., Cr R. J. Hall, the Mayor of Preston, 12 Preston councillors, leaders of local churches (including

St. George's, St. Nicholas' and 'St. Louis'), George Wallace, the secretary of the V.S.F., and Theo Marras, president of the V.S.F.

The guests will have a smorgasbord lunch at 1 pm at the new pavilion at the ground.

The reserve game will be played at Preston's old Collier Street ground on Saturday (kick off 2.45 pm) to allow time for a display by Macedonian dancers and an address by guest speakers before the main game which kicks off at 3 pm.

The new complex was financed by the Preston council. It is enclosed and has a bank-

ing around the ground. As well as a pavilion, the ground has a separate toilet block, modern changing rooms and a canteen.

A first aid room, an office and a changing room for referees and linesmen are included in the pavilion. Makedonia installed \$8500 floodlights at its own cost.

"We would like to thank the council for the effort it put into the complex," said club spokesman Branko Trajanovski, "as it will give the club and soccer in general a tremendous boost."

CROATIA CRUSHES GEORGE CROSS

ESSENDON CROATIA 5 (Cumming 14th min., Davidson 22nd min., Kerr 50th min. Krncevic 2 69th min., 81st min.) v GEORGE CROSS 0.

CROATIA: Petrovski 6, Smart 6, Gardiner 5 (Gullin 70th min), Kokopola 5, Kerr 7, Andrews 6, Murphy 7 (Vojtek 65th min.), Davidson 8, Krncevic 7, Cumming.

GEORGE CROSS: Rice 6, McConville 5, Maitland 6, Webb 5, Barron 5, Kelly 6, Murphy 6, Mirakic 6, Read 5, Cutajar 7, Papas 5 (Elin 5, half time).

The George Cross players must be wondering what hit them during this game at Olympic Park on Friday night.

The reigning State League champions were given a drubbing by the clinical Croats, who looked to be playing within their capabilities.

George didn't have one sustained onslaught on the Croatia goal, and spent most of the game back-peddling.

The two wingers were given good service by Croatia's midfielders Alan Kerr, Ken Murphy and Howard Andrews, who had their job made so much easier by a lack of effective opposition in the middle of the park.

Of George's midfielders, Phil Cutler was the only one who ran for the whole game and pressured the Croatia midfielders.

A surprise omission from the Croatia team was Branko Collins.

In goal for George Cross was Gerry Rice, who came to Australia seven months ago from England. There he played in the same league as Steve Bennie (now Slavia) and Ken Reed (Croatia). Rice trained with Green Gully Ajax before moving to George.

Peter Ebini, who hadn't been seen at Cross since the end of last season, returned to the club and was on as a sub in the second half for the disappointing Jim Papas.

Billy Wilkinson, the George Cross coach, is still recovering from injury, but should be available to play within a few weeks.

Croatia's back four were rarely troubled, and kept George's goalkeeper Reed right out of the game.

Overall, George Cross didn't look sharp, and its attacks were disjointed. However, it was unlucky to lose to Croatia, the Ampol Cup winners at a time when it is in full flight. George Cross will improve on its performance in this game, especially when Wilkinson returns.

Cumming put Croatia into the lead with a great 30 yard shot.

He had cut in from the right, but was given too much time to pick his spot by the George defence.

Robert Mirakic got away from Ante Suter a few times, and he gave Reed a good opportunity in the 17th min after taking the ball to the right and cutting it back.

However, Reed's shot went wide under pressure from Steve Bennie.

Croatia's second goal was thanks to a defensive botch by George.

The Cross back four broke up a Croatia attack inside the area, but didn't clear the ball. Rice came rushing off of goal, calling for a short pass back, but the defence didn't respond.

Finally it decided to give the ball to Rice, but Eddie Krncevic read the play well and nipped in to intercept the pass.

With Rice stranded, Krncevic crossed the ball to Davidson on the far post. The lively winger steamed before slamming the ball into the net past two George defenders, who were trying to cover the open net.

George held out for the remainder of the first half, but in the second 45 minutes, Croatia did as it pleased.

Kerr scored from 30 yards after running unchallenged with the ball.

Krncevic scored the fourth and fifth goals, but Davidson set both of them up. However, the 17-year-old striker showed class in finishing off the moves.

John Gardiner and Murphy went off for Collins and Billy Webb and Croatia played some attractive soccer, pushing the ball around while keeping a vice-like grip on the game.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Lesbird 27th min., Petrovski 69th min.) v HAKOAH ST. KILDA 2 (Clarey 69th min., Graig 70th min.)

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 7, Beech 6, Brewerton 7, Glasdon 5, Gladding 6, McClymont 8, Lesbird 5, Glenon 5, Hallam 7, McMillan 8, Flaherty (Petrovski 6, half time).

HAKOAH: Whiteside 8, Rainey 7, Baker 7, Jordanou 7, Vaili 8, Adamgills 6, (Smith 64th min.), Gadsby 6, Graig 7, Edmondson 6, Clarey 7, Daperis 7.

After being down 0-2 with half an hour of the game remaining, Hakoah blitzed Makedonia and came within an ace of taking both points.

that Makedonia's players don't have the stamina to play the full 90 minutes.

In the Ampol Cup final, the team looked ragged in the last 15 minutes, and in this game Makedonia faltered, then fell in a heap after Hakoah had equalised.

John Daperis played his first game for Hakoah after transferring from South Melbourne Hellas during the week, and he strengthened the midfield.

Billy Whiteside, the former Alexander goalkeeper, put on an immaculate display between the sticks for Hakoah, and kept his side in the game with some fine

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John Daperis — joined Hakoah from Hellas.

This week's games

State League games on Sunday:

Frankston City v Ringwood City (Nth Seaford Res., Railway Pde.)
Juventus v Sunshine City (Olympic Park).
Green Gully v Slavia (Green Gully Res.).
George Cross v Altona City (Kim Reserve, Altona).
Albion Leyland v Hakoah (Selwyn Pk., Sunshine).
Makedonia v Essendon Croatia (B.T. Connor Res., Radford Rd., Reservoir).



Keith Adams — may join Brisbane City

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Ringwood coach Freddy Dunce, who is a possibility for the job as State Director of Coaching, was happy with a draw.

"We didn't play well at all," he said, "so I'm really happy with a point."

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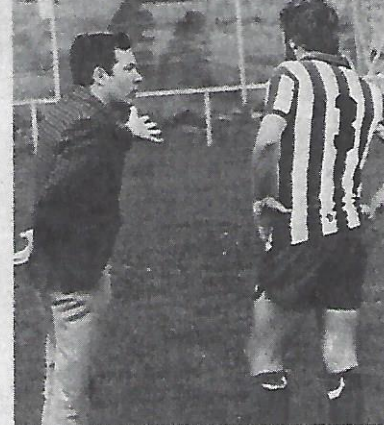
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City was content to contain for the rest of the game, and Ajax lacked the creativity to open up the stubborn defence.

Tribuzio did come close, but Rob Gramsbergen intercepted and turned the ball away for a corner.

The game was not an impressive one, but both sides will improve.

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Edmund Kreft

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boegheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **ST. GEORGE** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Saturday 7.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 7, Canberra A.C.T. 2600

SECRETARY: H.G. Leslie bus (062) 81 1313

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 2.30 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR: **JAT** YUGOSLAV AIRLINES

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.



FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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TRAVEL & TOURS

SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: T. Boggi

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 2.30 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE K B UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Saturday 7.30 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64,
ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus. (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

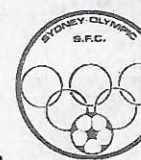
SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskinville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskinville

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

